



Commercial News

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SPOTLIGHT



Nicole A. Avant, Nominated as the 13th United States Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas

On June 16, the White House Office of the Press Secretary announced the Nomination of Nicole A. Avant, of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Ms. Avant serves as Vice President of Interior Music and Avant Garde Music Publishing. A business woman, philanthropist and activist, she has been recognized for her tireless efforts to mobilize the younger generation towards greater charitable and political involvement. She has worked as an academic

counselor at The Neighborhood Academic Initiative, a USC mentorship program for high school students. Ms. Avant serves as a board member for the Bogart Pediatric Cancer Research Program, the Center for American Progress and Best Buddies, and was named one of the American Cancer Society Next Generation Leaders in 2007.

Embassy readers provide treats for students



Students at Woodcock Primary School were recently treated to their annual end of year cookies and ice cream break by Embassy volunteer readers. It took three assembly lines to serve the 410 students who waited eagerly as they lined up to receive their treats. This event culminated the year's "Read to Lead" program, which was instituted by the Ministry of Education and the U.S. Embassy.

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AWFS (Association of Woodworking and Furnishings Suppliers), July 15-18, 2009, Las Vegas, Nevada.

AWFS®VEGAS has the tools you need to strengthen your business. Attend AWFS®VEGAS and you'll benefit immediately from all it has to offer. See how the newest woodworking innovations can save you time and make you money. Find lean manufacturing solutions to increase yields and improve ROI. Get critical answers and information right from the source. Learn how to stay competitive in a tight economy, and set yourself up for future success. Plan now to spend four value-packed days. It's designed for use—and ready to help you profit.

Website: www.awfsfair.org **Contact:** Lamont Peoples, Tel: (800) 946-2937.

American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC) Annual Meeting and Clinical Laboratory Exposition, July 19-23, 2009, Chicago, Illinois. Join thousands of your peers as we return to Chicago – July 19-23 – for the 2009 AACC/CSCC Annual Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo. You'll be able to design an education program that suits your individual professional needs. See new science and new technology in all areas of clinical diagnostics, automation, information systems, point-of-care, OEM, and biotech. Come to Chicago in 2009 to visit even more exhibitors in more booths than ever before. In addition, you will see more products in every clinical lab discipline than at any other show. We expect greater than 650 exhibitors occupying more than 1,800 booths. Website:



www.aacc.org/events/2009am.. **Contact:** Freddy Tellez Tel: (202) 835-8747

***PRINT 09, September 11-16, 2009, Chicago, Illinois.** PRINT is the largest, most comprehensive trade show held in the world for graphic design, digital prepress, printing, publishing, and package printing technology. It will encompass 800



exhibitors over nearly one million net square feet of show space and plays host to a projected 100,000 industry professionals from throughout the United States and more than 100 countries around the globe. The gigantic PRINT exposition takes place only once every four years. PRINT 09 stands to be the biggest graphic communications exposition ever held in the western hemisphere. Website:

www.print09.gasc.org/index.html

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*** American Dental Association Annual Session 2009 (ADA 2009), September 30 – October 4, 2009, Honolulu, Hawaii .**

The ADA Annual Session and World Marketplace Exhibition, international visitors will see the future of dentistry with new product information



and solutions from top suppliers; touch, feel and compare products and equipment before making purchases; test-drive products new to the

marketplace and pick up new product samples; meet face-to-face with suppliers and their representatives. It brings together leaders in dental practice, research, academics and industry to present more than 180 continuing education courses over four days. The ADA Annual Session and World Marketplace Exhibition is the dental industry's premier event with over 30,000 attendees from the U.S. and around the world and more than 350 exhibitors.

Website:

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Embassy Planned Trade Events

* The U.S. Embassy is organizing delegations to attend the following events listed above:

**PRINT 09, September 11-16, 2009,
Chicago, Illinois**

**American Dental Association Annual
Session 2009 (ADA 2009)
September 30 – October 4, 2009,
Honolulu, Hawaii**

**For further information on
trade shows please
contact the Commercial
Section.**

News from the Consular Section

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Preparing Your Family For the Hurricane Season

The below provides a starting point for how to prepare for this season. It includes all preparations that should be completed **well ahead** of a forecasted storm

Family Preparation Checklist	Due	✓
Discuss with family members your own strategy for leaving the island.	June 1	
Learn how to secure your own home: Learn how to install hurricane shutters. Contact your landlord regarding respective responsibilities, including for installation of shutters and use of sandbags.	June 1	
Learn how to use your generator and ensure it is in working order. Under no circumstances should you use a generator indoors or in wet conditions.	June 1	

Store supplies: 5 gallons of water for every person at home Food supply for 3 – 5 days -Batteries and flashlights -Grill or other means of cooking without power -Hurricane Action Plan and Embassy phone list -Extra gas for generator, grill	June 1	
Check condition of safety equipment: shutters, generator, radio	June 1	
Prepare power of attorney (if needed) for possible evacuation	June 1	
Pack possible evacuation or relocation to shelter	5 days out	
Make arrangements for pets: shelter, food, litter box, pet carrier, identification, health certificates.	5 days out	
Sterilize your bathtub and fill with water in event water services are disrupted	2 days out	
Fill the gas tank in your vehicle	2 days out	
Charge your cell phone	1 day out	
Turn your refrigerator/ freezer down to its coldest setting and open only when necessary.	1 day out	
Monitor news for the latest updates - stay informed.	Always	

For more information please visit the website at
http://nassau.usembassy.gov/hurricane_preparedness2.html .

If you would like to receive additional information on any of the events listed in this newsletter, please contact Tenniel Newton by e-mailing rollenewtonti@state.gov or by phoning 323-7180. Thank you.